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Application Number	10/041,144
Filing Date	January 4, 2002
First Named Inventor	ISHIMOTO, et al.
Art Unit	2622
Examiner Name	AGGARWAL, Y.K.
Attorney Docket Number	81784.0247

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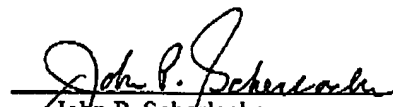
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As per our telephone conversation on December 20, 2006, I am faxing a signed copy of the RCE of December 13, 2006 without the enclosures which you already have. If there are any questions, please call me.

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